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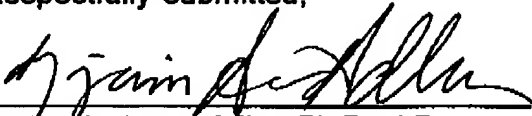
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Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing a Request For Continued Examination for the above-referenced application as governed by the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, be extended for three (3) months to and including April 28, 2006. Please debit the \$510 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) from Deposit Acct. No. 07-1185 on which the undersigned is allowed to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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